



Together For Kids and Families

## Nebraska Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council 2010-2011

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### Early Childhood Systems Team 2009-2010

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**TFKF WORK GROUP MEMBERS**  
**Dental/Medical Home**

**Strategy 1: Implement and sustain the dental/medical home as a standard of care.**

**Strategy 2: Establish the infrastructure to support a comprehensive system promoting access to oral health services including preventive oral health care.**

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## **Parent Education-Family Support**

**Strategy 3: Promote and support evidence-based home visitation services for families with young children.**

**Strategy 4: Integrate parent to parent peer support systems, when appropriate, into programs and services for families.**

**Strategy 5: Increase access to respite services to meet the needs of families.**

**Strategy 6: Coordinate statewide systems for sharing comprehensive information with families.**

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### **Early Care and Education**

**Strategy 7:** Through a mixed delivery system, provide access to voluntary, high quality, early childhood education and care programs and services that meet the needs of all young children and their families.

**Strategy 8:** Develop and refine a system of support to improve the quality and effectiveness of early childhood education and care programs and services.

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### **Child Care Health Consultation**

**Strategy 9:** Develop early childhood health and safety communication network(s).

**Strategy 10:** Disseminate data-driven and evidence-based training and material resources to improve health and safety in child care.

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### **Mental Health Work Group**

**Strategy 11: Assist communities to develop/enhance an effective system of care to support the social, emotional, and behavioral health needs of Nebraska’s young children. (Draft)**

**Strategy 12: Build the capacity of individuals who interact with young children to support social, emotional and behavioral health. (Draft)**

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